



Air Managers Committee/State Caucus

Regional Haze/WRAP Activity Update

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EPA issues proposed rule on BART alternatives and 309 SIPs

On August 1, EPA published in the Federal Register its proposed BART rule. The proposal establishes required elements in emissions trading programs as an alternative to case-by-case BART. Any alternative trading program must make a demonstration that it makes greater reasonable progress than BART. The proposal also allows the western states that have already submitted regional haze SIPs under §51.309 to submit revisions in late 2007 to their sulfur dioxide milestone/backstop-trading program to comport with district court rulings stemming from CEED vs. EPA. These 309 SIP revisions must also demonstrate that the SO₂ milestones and backstop-trading program will achieve greater reasonable progress than BART. This proposed rulemaking follows on the heels of a final rule that provides guidance on performing the case-by-case technical analyses of BART-eligible sources to determine their visibility impacts. See [http://www.wrapair.org/forums/ssjf/documents/bart/308\(e\)\(2\)+309_Proposed_Revision.pdf](http://www.wrapair.org/forums/ssjf/documents/bart/308(e)(2)+309_Proposed_Revision.pdf) for the August 1, 2005 Federal Register version.

The WRAP Stationary Sources Joint Forum and the 309 Coordinating Committee have had initial discussions on the proposed rule to prepare comments. A number of questions have been raised so far, mostly on clarifying purpose statements. **WRAP participants are encouraged to review and submit any comments prior to September 15th.**

EPA has scheduled public hearings, including Denver, on August 17. **Public comment closes on September 15, 2005.** Final action is expected by November 2005.

Air Managers discuss initial approaches for Stationary Source technical analyses

The Air Managers Committee began to address several questions related to favored approaches to BART and stationary source emission control strategies. States and tribes must decide how they will meet stationary source control requirements for regional haze in the west. Most, if not all of the state agencies are proceeding along a path of facility-by-facility evaluation of BART sources. With the exception of two or three states, there is still interest in doing the comparative

technical analyses of BART vs. an alternative regional cap and trade approach for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. The Stationary Sources Joint Forum is beginning to develop modeling protocols to accomplish that. **Discussions are needed about which modeling protocols states plan to use for their BART analyses, and approach to coordinate modeling among states, and the WRAP region as a whole.**

WRAP Technical Status Report

In response to requests to provide a periodic overview of status of WRAP deliverables, the WRAP Technical Oversight Committee has issued the first in a series of technical status reports that will be updated each quarter. **The report is designed to provide air managers and planners with a quick reference tool to track the timing, purpose and description of deliverables as they are developed.** The report includes dynamic, web-based "information nodes," on which tabular and graphic displays show up-to-date information on emissions, air quality and modeling analyses. The report also includes the schedule for key deliverables, and description of approaches to, and highlights of key technical analyses. The timing of WRAP deliverables can be compared with individual state planning timelines. ([Click Here](#))

2002 Fire Emission Inventory for the WRAP Region - Phase II

The Fire Emissions Joint Forum of the WRAP has finalized its report of 2002 emission inventories for all significant categories of fire, including wildfire, prescribed wildland fire, rangeland and agricultural burning. These data will be used in the regional dispersion modeling. The data will be included in the WRAP Emissions Data Management System (EDMS). The report also presents summary statistics for fire emissions for 2002 for the WRAP region. To view the report, see http://www.wrapair.org/forums/fejf/documents/WRAP_2002_PhII_EI_Report_20050722.pdf